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Building contractor [redacted] in Hainichen (N 51/K 77) was allegedly ordered to construct a welding shop for the IFA Plant in Chemnitz (N 51/K 66). The total order amounted to 190,000 eastmarks. Only orders of 100,000 eastmarks, or less, can be placed with private firms. Therefore, the project was divided into two separate construction projects. The first construction project is said to have already started. Allegedly, the construction order is top priority because the welding shop is urgently required for the production of a cross-country twin-engine jeep.<sup>1</sup>

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1. Comment. The IFA Plant in Chemnitz is a plant of the former Auto-Union Corporation. After its expropriation it became an enterprise of the VVB IFA. The scheduled construction of a cross-country twin-engine jeep may have some connection with similar projects of the Audi plant in Zwickau (N 51/K 34) which have been previously reported.

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